

THE DIAMONDS OF SOLOMON.

MRS. SOLOMON HEARS ABOUT THEM

A Remarkable Yarn Spun in an Andvade About Money Making in the African Mines —The Kervin's Card-playing Passenger.

Robert Solomon was a complainant at Jefferson Market Police Court in November last against Henry J. Rice, Jem Maceo's manager, whom he accused of getting nearly \$3,000 from him at cards on their voyage from England as

Rice settled the case by paying Solomon \$2,780,
 passengers by the Serbia, who were present at
 the examination, said that Solomon had played
 heavily coming over, and had won enormously
 before his loss to Rice.

Among the persons whose notice was attracted
 by the newspaper accounts of this case was
 Benjamin Friedberg, a shoe dealer at 517
 Canal street. Mr. Friedberg's daughter,
 Lenna, had married a man named Morris Solomon,
 and he had disappeared seven years ago,
 and had never been heard from. Friedberg
 discovered that Robert Solomon was Morris

Solomon sued him for a limited divorce, alimony, and put him in Ludlow street jail as a non-resident. He appeared to Judge Donohue yesterday to have his bail of \$3,000 reduced, pleading that he could not give so much. His wife applied for alimony and counsel fee, and the court granted her \$100 a month. She was married in April, 1876, in this city and that her husband lived with her until the following October when he put upon her the burden of partial deafness, and slashed her upon the back of the hand with a carving knife, leaving a heavy scar. Her trial for the same offense failed, and she disappeared, and he was not heard from for the seven years ending in November last.

sented from one Albert Edelman, who, the plaintiffs allege, was in Africa when Solomon was amassing a fortune in the diamond fields and on the race courses, and who it is alleged was in charge of the diamond exhibit of the Orange Free State at the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia. Edelman is a graduate who asked to testify and was in a group of witnesses called to the stand by the defense. He says that in addition to what he knows of Solomon from observation, the latter made him a confident, made part of the connex from

Edelman's departure for America on his last visit, gave him Mrs. Solomon's address and desired him to learn if she was dead or married. Edelman says he learned after Solomon's arrival in New York that Solomon at once began paying attentions to the daughter of a pawn-

According to Edelman's affidavit, Solomon went to Melbourne after leaving his wife. He remained there a few months, when he went to Cape Town, and became a bookmaker on the Cape Town race course. During three days' races he amassed a large sum, and conceived the idea of going into the business of illicit diamond buying at the diamond fields. He removed to the neighborhood of Kimberly

tion, where he engaged in various specializations. He ran a larceny game, and was engaged in bookmaking on the Kimberly race course, and conducted a popular scheme called "The Casory." In this, according to Edelman, twelve numbered cards were sold at \$1 each. Similar cards were in front of a cage containing

Edelman says that Solomon cleared \$6,000 a day on the race course with devices like these.

Through the services of a lot of negro women he succeeded in keeping up constant communication with the diamond miners, and secure great quantities of diamonds. It is alleged that an immense 1,680-carat diamond was found and sold to Solomon for a song; that he secreted it in his dooryard, but that the Detective Department traced the diamond to him.

The companies owning the diamond fields, Edelman says, determined to prosecute Soliman, but he hurriedly departed and went to Europe. He sold a few diamonds in Paris, a few more in London, and, with £1,500 in Bank of England notes and a bundle of diamonds of considerable net weight, for a month.

ant's counsel retorted that Edelman was unworthy of belief, and had himself served a term in South Africa as a convict. Solomon denied that he treated his wife cruelly, and says that her bad temper drove him insane. Judge Donohue reserved his decision.

It is claimed by the prosecution that Solomon deposited \$4,000 in his name in a bank in this city after his arrival here. The defense says that the money was deposited by Solomon in

It is alleged that someone has had unauthorized transactions since his arrival in New York with Herman Levy, the diamond importer of 10 Fulton street. Mr. Levy declined to make an statement about the matter when interrogated last evening.

(Jersey City's New Charter Bill.

The New Jersey Assembly passed yesterday by a vote of 31 to 26, the new charter for Jersey City.

Gen. Grant Getting Used to his Crutches.

Yesterday, for the first time since his fall on Christmas eve. He goes about the house on his crutches a little every day, on the first pleasant day he is going to drive out in Central Park. When he feels strong enough he will start for Norfolk, Va.

JOTTINGS ABOUT TOWN.

Mrs. John Jacob Astor, who has been sick with typhoid fever, is recovering.

The eighteenth annual dinner of the Harvard Club, this city, will be eaten at Lehighpton's to-morrow evening.

The Board of Aldermen voted yesterday to establish ferries from Piers 2 and 3, East River, to Gowanus Bay, Brooklyn.

The young girl whom Mrs. J. M. Smith of 344 Lexin

The election for Captain of Company B, Seventy-first Regiment, last evening, resulted in the choice of First Sergeant Patrick. Mr. Eugene Smith was formerly Captain of the company.

The Cotton Exchange defeated yesterday the proposed Jerome P. Collins of the Jeannette in the Cathedral to preach on Saturday morning next, provided the Frisians arrive in time.

Gen. Ord's remains are expected to reach this city on the 24th inst. Gen. Hancock will receive them, and a persistent their removal to Washington, where a funeral will take place.

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A fire in Christian Reiford's bakery, at 801 Ninth avenue, last evening, caused a damage of \$1,500. The residents of the upper floors were cut off from escape by 1 stairs by smoke, but were got out unhurt by the firemen and police.

Corporation Counsel Andrews has been requested by the Board of Aldermen to prepare a memorial from the Board asking the Legislature to authorize this city

On Alderman Fulgraff's motion the Board of Aldermen yesterday agreed to let the Park Department to contract with the Harlem and the New York Central Railroad Companies with a view to having the tracks of those companies in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth wards pressed below the street level.

George Burnett and James Sumnerford, who own the house at 140 West street, were made members of the lodge, and the lodge was dedicated to the memory of the woman who died when she reached her. She was poorly dressed. She was identified as Catherine Ryan.

In the Cooper Institute to-morrow evening a receipt will be tendered to John E. Redmond and William Redmond, members of Parliament for New Ross and Wexford respectively, by the Municipal Council of

The woman who was found in the hallway of 223 E. Fourth street on Monday evening suffering from a dose of Paris green was not of stranger yesterday. She refused to say anything of herself. A man who said he was her brother-in-law called at the Fifth street police station and said that she was Annie Buckles, a widow

Manna was once Jewish food; Jew and Gentile alike now use Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.—Adm.